(1)	(2)	(3)
43.	Rekong Peo	Rampur Bushehr
44.	Chamba	Chamba
45.	Dalhousie	-do-
46.	Dehra	Dehra
47.	Kangra	-do-
48.	Jawalamukhi	-do-
49.	Nagrota Bagwan	-do-
50.	Jawali	-do-
51.	Dharamsala	Dharamsala
52.	Palampur	-do-
53.	Nurpur	-do-
54.	Baijnath	-do-
55.	Panchrukhi	-do-
56.	Jassur	-do-
57.	Meclendganj	-do-
58.	Distt. Courts Dharamsala	-do-

Release of commemorative stamp in memory of late Shri N. T. Rama Rao

3856. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in recognition to the services rendered to the people Government quite often releases special postal stamps in memory of eminent personalities;

(b) whether Government are aware of the multifacted contribution of late Shri N. T. Rama Rao in the field of culture and public life;

(c) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh have written to the Ministry of Communications to release a commemorative postal stamp

of late Shri N.T. Rama Rao; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government is releasing a commemorative postage stamp on late Shri N.T. Rama Rao. The stamp will be released on 28-5-2000, his date of birth.

Timely Delivery of Mail

3857. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the mail has to be delivered within one to three days following the day of posting;

(b) whether 60 per cent of mail delivery in the country is being delayed; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for the timely distribution of mail in the country particularly in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) The Department of Posts has laid down certain broad norms for delivery of mails for different parts of the country and for different categories of mail including registered mail and money orders. The norms varies from within 48 hours to 120 hours, excluding the day of posting, depending on the distance involved and mode of transport used. The above norms apply to normal areas. For hilly, tribal and remote areas, it may take a little longer. These broad norms are subject to mail carring trains, planes, buses and other public transport maintaining their schedule.

(b) No, Sir. As per the All India Live Mail Survey conducted during 1999, 76.6% of the mails in urban areas and 77.7% of the mails in the rural areas were deliverd within norms.